



U.S. Entity Columbia River Treaty



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Dear Columbia River Treaty Review Stakeholders,

We are at an important point in the Columbia River Treaty Review and would like your input.

The U.S. Entity will provide a recommendation to the U.S. Department of State by late 2013 to continue, terminate, modify or amend the Columbia River Treaty after 2024. To this end, BPA and Corps of Engineers staff members, on behalf of the U.S. Entity, have been working with tribal, federal and state representatives on the Sovereign Review Team (SRT) to complete technical analyses that will inform the eventual recommendation.

The U.S. Entity and the SRT hosted stakeholder Listening Sessions throughout the region over the past two years and collected participants' input. The input has been shared with the SRT and integrated into its analytical decision-making process. Listening Sessions will continue in 2013.

Now we invite you to provide your broad perspectives on the potential content and direction of the Columbia River Treaty post-2024 to further inform the remaining stages of technical analysis and a preliminary regional recommendation.

Please provide your written perspectives to us by Feb. 8, 2013, addressing one or more of the categories below. If possible, limit your total response to three pages. Also, providing an indication of the relative importance of each topic you discuss will help the U.S. Entity review your input.

- Hydropower
- Flood Risk
- Ecosystem (includes fish and wildlife, environment)
- Water Supply (including irrigation and consumptive uses)
- Recreation
- Navigation
- Water Quality and
- Climate Change

The U.S. Entity also asked SRT members to complete a similar exercise. This combined input will help the U. S. Entity understand areas of alignment or diversity among regional viewpoints. You will have other opportunities to expand on your perspective. We will work with the SRT to develop a process to share your responses with a broader range of regional stakeholders for consideration.

We will treat all responses from you and SRT members as preliminary and nonbinding; the U.S. Entity will not interpret your submittal as your final position on any topic. However, all submittals will be part of the record for the Columbia River Treaty Review and may ultimately be subject to public disclosure.

Please send your submittals to treatyreview@bpa.gov or mail them to CRT Review (DKE), P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293. You also are welcome to contact your Sovereign Review Team representatives to ask questions and share your perspectives. Attached is the Sovereign Review Team roster.

If you have any questions about this request or the Treaty Review effort, please call Heidi Helwig at 503-230-3458 or Amy Echols at 503-808-4512.

Thank you for your involvement in this process.

Sincerely,

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